CLAIMS

- 1. A method of shaping a piezoelectric material, comprising the steps of depositing a resist mask directly to or through a film for amplification of an etching ratio to a surface of an piezoelectric material; reforming the resist mask to a predetermined thickness profile; and dry etching the piezoelectric material together with the resist mask, wherein the piezoelectric material and the resist mask are etched at an etching rate different from each other, thereby the surface of the piezoelectric material being shaped to a three-dimensional configuration corresponding to the thickness profile of the resist mask.
- The method defined in Claim 1, wherein the thickness profile is given to the resist mask by patterning and melting a masking material applied to the surface of the piezoelectric material.
- 3. The method defined in Claim 1, wherein the thickness profile is given to the resist mask by pressing a precision stamp onto a masking material applied to the surface of the piezoelectric material.
- 4. The method defined in either one of Claims 1 to 3, wherein the dry etching is started with a less selectively reactive gas for reforming the resist mask to a predetermined thickness profile and then continued with an etching gas having high selective reactivity to the piezoelectric material.